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1. On 22 September 1949 Major General LA Ch'eng-hsiang, commander of the 5 Cavalry Army in Sinkiang Province, stated that he and his troops returned to Tihua because of the imminent fall of Chiuchuan (98-33, 39-46), Kansu Province, and because of the lack of food at Hami (93-27, 42-48) for his troops. LA said that his troops, approximately nine thousand men, lack food for themselves and feed for their horses, which number about eleven thousand.
2. On 22 September LA was planning to leave Tihua by airplane as soon as possible to go to Chungking to try to get funds from the Central Government so that he could equip his troops for movement to southern Sinkiang Province, where he hoped to make a stand at Erhchiang (Charkhlik - 88-02, 39-02), Chiehmo (Charchan Bazar - 85-32, 38-08) and Khotan (Hotien - 79-56, 37-07).
3. On 25 September 1949 LA Ch'eng-hsiang left Tihua by road to go to Kashgar. He intended to go on from Kashgar into India and thence to Mecca. He was accompanied by about sixty persons, most of whom were Tungkan officers and members of his bodyguard. None of LA's troops had as yet moved.
4. On 25 September 1949 Aisabek was in Kashgar, planning to go to India.
5. On 25 September 1949 Osman was meeting with other Kazakh leaders to discuss future plans, particularly as to whether to go to Tsaidam or remain in the Tien Shan area. Kalibek and Janiakhan were not invited to the meeting.

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